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October 11, 2001

Ms. Carol Hanlon
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

As a former resident of a community near a Nuclear Generating station and an employee of the Nuclear Energy industry I am very concerned about the storage of high level radioactive waste and spent fuel at such sites. President George Bush should be strongly urged to designate the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada as the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel and begin transporting these materials (unannounced) as soon as possible.

Though the Reactor Containment Buildings (large concrete cylindrical buildings) are quite strong and able to withstand a severe blow, Nuclear Site Spent Fuel Storage Facilities are not. A small amount of research could be performed to reveal how easily these spent fuel facilities could be breached and spent fuel assemblies ruptured releasing extremely dangerous fission product gasses. There are about 70 such sites in the United States posing this danger.

Surely, even those opposed to the Yucca Mountain site would agree that the modern day threat against one of the Nuclear Generating sites outweighs their concerns about the Yucca site.

I trust that you will receive many letters voicing these same concerns, but be assured that the senders of these letters will keep them on file as proof that you have been advised of our concerns.

Please remove this potential multiple hazard from our nation and recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

Brent Knepper

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